

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: TBD

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
IMMUNOGLOBULINS
CONTAINING PROTECTION
PROTEINS AND THEIR USE

Group Art Unit: 1649

Examiner: TBD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 5, immediately following "is" please insert

-- a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/312,157, filed May 14, 1999,
which --.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 53.

Please add new claims 54 - 73 as follows:

54. (New) A method for producing a multimeric protein in a plant cell wherein
the multimeric protein is heterologous to the plant cell, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) transforming a plant cell with a plurality of naked plasmids, each
plasmid encoding less than all of the polypeptide components of the multimeric protein,